

REMARKS

Claims 78-82 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (U.S. Patent 5,414,389) in view of Mouret (U.S. Patent 5,034,631).

Claims 78-82 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 83-85 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended Claim 83 to include the limitations of base Claim 78, thereby placing Claims 83-85 in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Claims 37-77 and 83-122 are pending in the present application. Because the Examiner has indicated that these claims are allowable, the Applicant requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowability. If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 895-3545 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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